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Addendum

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I. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Matters related to and inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar for 2000

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 54/248 of 23 December 1999, approved the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. The approved calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2000/2.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should, in future, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes should, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

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5. The requests submitted in 2000 for changes of venue or additional sessions and the action taken by the Committee are shown below.

Organ: International Civil Service Commission

Request: To convene its fifty-first session, from 3 to 20 April 2000, in Vienna rather than New York, since the International Atomic Energy Agency had agreed to host the session at the Vienna International Centre. The Commission had originally scheduled two sessions in New York in 2000, in April and July. Section I, paragraph 4 (g), of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 provides that, if more than one session is required in any one year, the Commission may accept an invitation from one of its participating organizations to hold its other session at the headquarters of that organization.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: United Nations Environment Programme

Request: To convene a sixth special session of its Governing Council, from 29 to 31 May 2000 at Malmö, Sweden, pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 53/242, in which the Assembly welcomes the proposal for a global environmental forum taking the form of a special session of the Governing Council in years in which the Council does not meet in regular session. The choice of venue is consistent with section I, paragraph 5, of Assembly resolution 40/243, since the Government of Sweden has agreed to defray the costs of the special session.

Action taken: Decision of the Governing Council noted.

Organ: Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

Request: To convene its thirty-fifth session, from 5 to 7 July 2000, at Geneva rather than New York in order to give members an opportunity to confer with participants in the Conference on Disarmament. Moreover, since the Board also serves as Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the Geneva venue permits Board members to be in close contact with the staff of the Institute.

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ: Commission on the Status of Women

Request: To convene a one-day resumed session to hold an election to replace the resigning Chairman and to adopt the recommendations for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

Action taken: Request approved.

Organ:	Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world"
Request:	To convene a resumed session, to be held in June 2000, in order to formalize the results of informal consultations on the draft text of the main outcome document for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.
Action taken:	Request approved.